

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on 11/20/08, TJ Singh requested an extension of time for 2 MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1159 the required fee of \$490 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 12: lines 14-17, "building headers for transmitting TCP packets; wherein the outbound processor for the hardware offload engine builds the headers using information from the NCB; and sending data using the outbound processor built headers;" has been changed to - building TCP header for transmitting TCP packets; wherein the outbound processor for the hardware offload engine builds the TCP header using information from the NCB; and building the TCP header which includes setting a source port number, a destination port number, a TCP sequence numbers, a flag to indicate a type of packet, a field whose value shows a TCP header length and a field whose value indicates a TCP window size; and sending data using the outbound processor built TCP header. -

Claims 14-29 have been canceled.

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Lindsay (US 6,564,267) and Burns et al. (US 6,345,301)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARCUS R. SMITH whose telephone number is (571)270-1096. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs: 7:30 am - 5:00 p.m. and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on 571 272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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